

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for exchanging information between a first server and a second server ~~processing a request at a first server to form a modified request that is directed to a second server~~, the first and second servers being coupled to a network, said method comprising:

receiving ~~the~~ a request from a requestor;

identifying an initial hostname portion of the request associated with a network address of the first server;

retrieving a replacement hostname portion for the request from storage associated with the first server,

wherein the replacement hostname portion is associated with a network address of the second server;

replacing the initial hostname portion with the replacement hostname portion to form the modified request;

forwarding the modified request to the second server using the replacement hostname portion;

receiving information associated with the modified request from the second server; and

modifying the received information to associate the received information with the first server,

wherein modifying the received information further comprises modifying at least one original URL link in the received information to form at least one modified link associated with the at least one original URL link and the first server, such that selection of the at least one modified link results in requests being directed toward the first server.

2. (canceled)

3. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein modifying the received information further comprises inserting content into the received information to form modified received information including at least information relating to the first server.

4. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
identifying user, session or state information associated with the requestor and the second server, and

forwarding the modified request together with the user, session or state information to the second server using the replacement hostname portion.

5. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 4, wherein the user, session or state information comprises a cookie stored on or associated with the first server that was previously provided by the second server.

6. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 1,
wherein the initial hostname includes at least a domain and a subdomain, and
wherein said replacement hostname portion comprises the subdomain.
7. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 6, further comprising:
identifying user, session or state information associated with the requestor and the
second server, and
forwarding the modified request together with the user, session or state
information to the second server using the replacement hostname portion.
8. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 7, wherein the user, session or
state information comprises a cookie stored on or associated with the first server that was
previously provided by the second server.
9. (canceled)
10. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 47, wherein the initial request
indicates a secure connection from the first server to the second server is required.
11. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 47, wherein the initial hostname
is a predetermined hostname.

12. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 11, wherein the port number uniquely identifies the replacement hostname associated with the network address of the second server.

13. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
identifying user, session or state information associated with the requestor and the second server, and
forwarding the modified request together with the user, session or state information to the second server using the replacement hostname portion.

14. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 13, wherein the user, session or state information comprises a cookie stored on or associated with the first server that was previously provided by the second server.

15. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 1,
wherein the request further includes at least a port number, and
wherein retrieving the replacement hostname portion further comprises retrieving the replacement hostname portion from storage associated with the first server based on at least the port number and the initial hostname portion.

16. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 1,
wherein the request further includes at least a port number and a requestor or session identifier, and

wherein retrieving the replacement hostname portion further comprises retrieving the replacement hostname portion from storage associated with the first server based on at least the port number, the initial hostname portion, and the requestor or session identifier.

17. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 1,

wherein the request further includes a host variable that identifies the hostname of the second server, and

wherein retrieving the replacement hostname portion further comprises retrieving the replacement hostname portion based on the host variable.

18. (original) A method as recited in claim 17, wherein the host variable is provided as a suffix to the request.

19. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 17, further comprising:

determining user, session or state information associated with the requestor and the second server, and

forwarding the modified request together with the user, session or state information to the second server using the replacement hostname portion.

20. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 19, wherein the user, session or state information comprises a cookie stored on or associated with the first server that was previously provided by the second server.

21. (original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the network comprises the Internet.

22. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

determining whether the response includes user, session or state information associated with the second server; and

saving the user, session or state information associated with the second server at the first server such that it is associated with the requestor.

23. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 22, wherein said method further comprises:

removing the user, session or state information included with the response to form a modified response.

24. (currently amended) A method for modifying a markup language document to facilitate access to other resources residing on remote servers through an intermediate server, said method comprising:

receiving, at [the] an intermediate server, the markup language document, the markup language document including at least one original link to another resource;

modifying the at least one original link of the markup language document to link to the intermediary server, to form a modified markup language document having at least one modified link, the modified link being associated with the resource and the

intermediary server; and

forwarding the modified markup language document to a requestor.

25. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 24, wherein the modifying, further comprises:

modifying the markup language document to insert or remove content.

26. (currently amended) A computer readable medium including at least computer program code for modifying a browser viewable document ~~to facilitate access to other resources residing on remote servers through an intermediate server~~, said computer readable medium comprising:

computer program code configured to receive the browser viewable document, the browser viewable document including at least one original link to another resource;

computer program code configured to modify the at least one original link of the browser viewable document to link to the intermediary server, to form a modified markup language document having at least one modified link, the modified link being associated with the resource and the intermediary server; and

computer program code configured to forward the modified markup language document to a requestor.

27. (currently amended) A method for modifying Universal Resource Locators (URLs) in a browser viewable document, said method comprising:

identifying a URL in the browser viewable document;

determining whether the URL includes an initial hostname associated with a resource; and

modifying the initial hostname of the URL to a predetermined hostname with the initial hostname being a subdomain to the predetermined hostname,

wherein the ~~subdomain~~ predetermined hostname is associated with an intermediary server, such that requests associated with the URL are directed to the intermediary server rather than the resource.

28. (original) A method as recited in claim 27, wherein said method further comprises:

determining whether the URL has a port number specified;

removing the port number as originally specified from the URL; and

modifying the URL to include the port number as a port variable when said determining determines that the URL has the port number specified.

29. (original) A method as recited in claim 27, wherein said method further comprises:

determining whether the URL has a port number specified;

removing the port number as originally specified from the URL; and

appending the port number to the URL when said determining determines that the URL has the port number specified.

30. (original) A method as recited in claim 27, wherein the browser viewable document is a markup language document.

31. (previously presented) A method for modifying Universal Resource Locators (URLs) in a browser viewable document, said method comprising:

identifying a URL in the browser viewable document;
determining whether the URL includes an initial hostname; and
replacing the initial hostname of the URL with a predetermined hostname when it is determined that the URL includes the initial hostname.

32. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 31, wherein said method further comprises:

adding a hostname identifier to the URL as a port number for the predetermined hostname, wherein the hostname identifier is provided in the URL as a port number and serves to facilitate identification of the initial hostname of the URL when it is determined that the URL includes the initial hostname.

33. (original) A method as recited in claim 32, wherein the port number is unique for different initial hostnames.

34. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 31, wherein said method further comprises:

appending the initial hostname to the URL when it is determined that the URL includes the initial hostname.

35. (original) A method as recited in claim 34, wherein said appending operates to

append an initial hostname suffix to the URL.

36. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 34, wherein said method further comprises:

- determining whether the URL has a port number specified;
- removing the port number as originally specified from the URL; and
- appending the port number to the URL when it is determined that the URL has the port number specified.

37. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 31, wherein the browser viewable document is a markup language document.

38. (currently amended) A method for modifying target Universal Resource Locators (URLs) in a browser viewable document being identified by a source URL, said method comprising:

- identifying a target URL in the browser viewable document;
- determining whether the target URL includes an initial hostname;
- determining whether the source URL has an appended hostname or port information associated therewith; and
- appending the hostname or port information associated with the source URL to the target URL to form a modified target URL, when it is determined that the target URL does not include the initial hostname and that the source URL has appended hostname or port information associated therewith, such that requests associated with the target URL

are associated with the modified target URL.

39. (previously presented) A method for modifying Universal Resource Locators (URLs) in a browser viewable document, said method comprising:

identifying a URL in the browser viewable document;

determining whether the URL includes an initial hostname;

determining whether the URL is associated with a secure request;

modifying the initial hostname of the URL in a first manner when it is determined that the URL includes the initial hostname and that the URL is not associated with a secure request; and

modifying the initial hostname of the URL in a second manner when it is determined that the URL includes the initial hostname and that the URL is associated with a secure request,

the second manner being different from the first manner.

40. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 39, wherein modifying the initial hostname of the URL in the first manner operates to modify the initial hostname of the URL to a predetermined hostname with the initial hostname being a subdomain to the predetermined hostname.

41. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 40, wherein the predetermined hostname is associated with an intermediary server.

42. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 40, wherein said modifying the initial hostname of the URL in the second manner operates to (i) replace the initial hostname of the URL with a predetermined hostname, and (ii) add a hostname identifier to the URL.

43. (original) A method as recited in claim 42, wherein the hostname identifier is added to the URL as a port number for the predetermined hostname.

44. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 40, wherein modifying the initial hostname of the URL in the second manner operates to (i) replace the initial hostname of the URL with a predetermined hostname, and (ii) append the initial hostname to the URL.

45. (original) A method as recited in claim 44, wherein the initial hostname is appended to the URL as a suffix.

46. (currently amended) A method for modifying a markup language document to facilitate access to other markup language documents through an intermediary server, ~~said method~~ comprising:

receiving, at ~~the~~ an intermediary server, a first markup language document from a remote server;

locating hostnames within certain predetermined tags of the first markup language document; and

modifying the located hostnames within the first markup language document to include a hostname associated with the intermediary server, such that requests associated with the markup language document are directed to the intermediary server rather than the remote server.

47. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 1,
wherein the request including at least a port number, and
wherein retrieving the replacement hostname portion for the request from storage,
further comprises retrieving the replacement hostname portion for the request from
storage associated with the first server based on at least the port number.